

3713
IFW



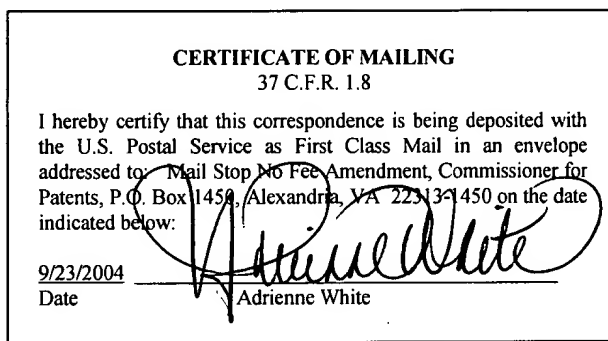
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Number. : 09/992,392 Confirmation Number. : 7757
Applicants : David K. Locke *et al.*
Filed : November 6, 2001
TC/A.U. : 3713
Examiner : Christina M. Marks

Docket Number : 47079-00119USPT
Customer Number : 30,223

Mail Stop No Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION
MAILED JUNE 25, 2004

Dear Commissioner:

This paper is being submitted in reply to the Office Action, mailed June 25, 2004, for which the three-month date for response is September 25, 2004. In response to the Office Action mailed June 25, 2004, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to consider the following remarks.

The Applicants' **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.